

New flexibility seen in Israel's approach Cabinet offers to resume talks on autonomy, no target date

By ASHER WALLFISH Jerusalem Post Reporter The cabinet yesterday offered to negotiate further with Egypt about arrangements for implementing autonomy in Judea, Samaria and the Gaza Strip...

Framework. These demands were for changing Article 4 (dealing with Sinai security arrangements), fixing a target date for the autonomy plan...

Ministerial Defence Committee. It is not known what Sharon said in the cabinet session — nor the two ministers who did not take part in the vote...



Tyres burn as anti-shah youths demonstrate in the streets of Teheran yesterday.

Peking gesture: Halt to Quemoy bombardment

PEKING (AP). — China yesterday announced an end to its 20-year bombardment of the Nationalist offshore islands of Quemoy and Matsu...

dramatic gesture by Peking as U.S.-Taiwanese ties come to an end. The issue of American commitments to Taiwan had been the major stumbling block before Washington and Peking announced on December 15 that they would formally recognize each other from the new year.

Army foils Gush try at Nablus

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT Jerusalem Post Reporter KAFR KADDUM, Samaria. — Twenty-five families of Gush Emunim militants huddled round camp fires here last night after troops halted their attempt...



Soldiers block the convoy of would-be Gush Emunim settlers from Kaddum yesterday.

Weizman and Ehrlich agree on IL34.5b.

By HIRSH GOODMAN and SHLOMO MAOZ Jerusalem Post Reporters Defence Minister Ezer Weizman and Finance Minister Simha Ehrlich yesterday morning agreed upon a mutually acceptable defence budget of IL34.5b. for fiscal 1979/80.

include the expected effects in their calculations when trying to control inflation. "Nationalizing" expense items which will most probably become real in a few months time, the treasury was in fact encouraging uncontrolled inflation...

ALIED TOP FASHIONS at SCHNEIDMAN Tel-Aviv 128, Dizengoff St. Hilton Hotel, Jerusalem

GOOD NEWS FOR TOURISTS While here, you've been reading The Jerusalem Post and you'd like to keep in touch with events in Israel when you return home...

10% milk, eggs fowl hike could have been 30% By SHLOMO MAOZ Post Economic Reporter Absorption Minister David Levy yesterday vetoed a proposal made by the ministries of finance and agriculture to raise the prices of milk products...

Israel boats shell Lebanon, PLO claims

BEIRUT (AP). — Israeli gunboats shelled civilian targets in Southern Lebanon yesterday afternoon, the PLO's WAFAP agency reported yesterday. PLO gunners manning coastal artillery batteries "engaged in a 30-minute barrage with the raiding vessels and forced them to sail south towards Israel."

Ghali: State 'first' on West Bank

CAIRO. — Egypt's acting Foreign Minister Butros Ghali said yesterday that his country forsook PLO representation during negotiations on the establishment of a Palestinian-Arab state, and that such a state would "first be in the West Bank and Gaza."

Foreigners step up evacuation Iran teeters as casualties soar

TEHERAN. — Unconfirmed casualty figures ranged from scores to hundreds of deaths as anti-shah rioting in Iran teetered on the brink of civil war yesterday. Soldiers loyal to Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi fired into crowds determined to topple the monarch despite his announced intention to leave the country.

BULLETIN: TEHERAN. — The French news agency AFP reported late last night that Iran's military prime minister Gen. Gholam Reza Azhari has had in his resignation to the shah. Other reports confirmed the AFP count leader who demands the shah die.

Cabinet okays state budget, puts conditions

By SHLOMO MAOZ Post Economic Reporter Finance Minister Simha Ehrlich has agreed to present the cabinet with an economic programme geared to fighting inflation, before the cabinet tables the draft budget for 1979/80 in the Knesset.

minister accepted the proposals and told reporters after the cabinet meeting that his staffers were already working on the plan, which he insisted was an integral part of the policy underlying his budget.

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WZO comptroller asks 'Who is a Zionist?'

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Deceased persons, non-Jews, children, the unaffiliated, and persons who neither paid membership fees nor understood the significance of joining the "Zionist movement" were included in the centralized list of 1.2 million "Zionists" who were eligible to vote for the delegates to the 29th Zionist Congress.

These are some of the findings in the 21st annual, 1978 report of the World Zionist Organization's comptroller, Meir Ben-Zion Meiri, whose severe criticism calls into question the extent and nature of the "Zionist movement" abroad and exposes glaring irregularities in the movement's membership campaign.

The comptroller, who investigated the WZO-supervised membership drives and elections as well as the operations of a dozen WZO departments, discussed the report yesterday at a press conference in Jerusalem. Presenting what he called "one of the most critical" reports to date, Meiri conceded that he felt frustrated by the need for perennial

revelations and the fact that when old ones are corrected, more complicated new ones crop up. "But the main problem is not corruption but the workers' lack of expertise or self-criticism," he said.

In his 350-page volume, the comptroller does not name names of those guilty of irregularities. He explains that it is up to the WZO's legal adviser to press charges if necessary and that those criticized have the right to defend themselves in a WZO court.

But when pressed to assign blame for the irregularities in Zionist membership campaigns and elections of delegates to the Zionist Congress, Meiri pointed to the WZO committee headquartered in Jerusalem that had coordinated the operation. The committee was headed by the then-organization and information department chairman Avraham Schenker, who has since been replaced and given the chairmanship of a new "department of development and services."

A total of \$1,008,012 was allocated for elections and for a membership

drive around the world — which, Schenker said, had then resulted in a list of 1.2 million "Zionists" compared to some 900,000 in the previous drive five years before.

Yet, only about 25 per cent of those on the list actually voted for delegates to the congress, which itself elected the members of the current Zionist executive.

The prerequisites for being considered members of the "Zionist movement" weren't met by large numbers of people on the list. One had to be Jewish; at least 18 years of age; to have accepted the Jerusalem Programme (which views Israel as the central focus of the Jewish world and ally as an ideal) by signing an application form that includes its text; or be a member of a recognized "Zionist organization."

In addition, each member must have paid an annual membership fee "in accordance with the economic situation of the Jewish community."

In the U.S., only Hadesah — with its accurate membership records — was found to have fulfilled the criteria in both letter and spirit.

Many other Zionist organizations didn't know who their members were. Some organization members were added to the Zionist movement's centralized list automatically by virtue of their membership in the organization, and had never heard of the Jerusalem Programme. Many had neglected to pay dues (which in almost every case are minimal — a few dollars or less a year).

Regarding drives in other countries, only the Zionist federation in Holland was found to have "conducted the drive properly and in accordance with the accepted principles of the drive." Only about five per cent of the West German Jewish community were listed as Zionist movement members, but of these, a number hadn't paid membership fees for years.

In one Latin American country, a number of Zionist organization members were found by the comptroller to be non-Jews; in another, a



A representative of Na'amat, the pioneer women's organization, presents copies of Na'amat's alphabetical guide for women soldiers to two Chen officers. The guide, dealing with all subjects of interest to women in the IDF, is to be distributed throughout the services. (Simonsky — Israel Sun)

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	MIN	MAX	
	°C	°F	
AMSTERDAM	-11	10	Snow
BAGDAD	11	25	Snow
BUENOS AIRES	17	23	Hazy
CHICAGO	-1	30	Snow
COFFENHAGEN	-11	9	Hazy
FRANKFURT	1	11	Cloudy
GENEVA	-7	18	Cloudy
HONG KONG	16	19	Clear
JERUSALEM	13	19	Clear
LONDON	5	11	Cloudy
MADRID	7	13	Clear
MONTREAL	-3	10	Snow
NEW YORK	-4	23	Clear
OSLO	-2	4	Clear
PARIS	4	11	Snow
RIO DE JANEIRO	19	26	Clear
SAO PAULO	19	26	Clear
STOCKHOLM	-17	1	Cloudy
TOKYO	7	16	Clear
TORONTO	-4	11	Clear
VANCOUVER	2	8	Clear
VIENNA	2	8	Clear
ZURICH	2	8	Clear

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THE WEATHER

Forecast: Partly cloudy.

	Yesterday's Humidity	Yesterday's Min-Max	Today's Max
Jerusalem	62	4-14	14
Nahariya	53	5-25	25
Nabatyia	70	8-20	20
Safed	78	6-12	12
Haifa Port	71	14-18	18
Tiberias	60	8-19	19
Naazareth	50	10-17	17
Akko	49	6-13	13
Shomron	—	9-18	18
Tel Aviv	78	10-18	18
B-G Airport	63	7-19	19
Jericho	32	8-22	23
Gaza	73	8-18	18
BeerSheva	66	4-18	18
Eilat	41	10-21	23
Tiran Straits	44	15-23	23

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

President Yitzhak Navon yesterday visited Kiryat Shmona and met with city leaders.

South African Ambassador Derek Stuart Franklin called on Interior Minister Yosef Burg in his office yesterday.

Dr. Haim Stein will speak about "Return Beauty Spots in the World" at the weekly meeting of Rotary Jerusalem West tonight at the King David Hotel, at 7 p.m.

ARRIVALS

Gershon Kaddar, northern regional manager for Bank Leumi, from India, where he spent five weeks on a mission of the World Bank, which is promoting a two-year plan for an agricultural central credit system there.

Swazi premier sees Knesset today

Swaziland's prime minister, Maphavu Dhlamini, was visited yesterday by Haifa mayor Arye Gurel at the African premier's Dan Carmel hotel suite, and today Dhlamini is slated to be the guest of the Knesset at a luncheon.

Parapelegic centre opens in Ramat Gan

Jerusalem Post Reporter
RAMAT GAN. — The Sir Ludwig Guttman Institute for the treatment of persons suffering from spinal injuries was dedicated yesterday in Ramat Gan at the Sheba Medical Centre at Tel Hashomer.

Sir Ludwig, who was knighted for his pioneering work in the treatment of paraplegics, attended the ceremony.

Dr. Guttman emigrated to England from Nazi Germany in 1939, and has similar centres named after him in Spain and Germany. He said at the dedication ceremony that while "all treatment may be unsatisfactory, we have convinced the world that paraplegics are no longer hopeless and helpless."

Defence Minister Ezer Weizman delivered the government's blessings at the ceremony. The institute is a joint project of the Defence Ministry, the IDF chief medical officer and the Health Ministry.

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No one hurt in garbage blast

NETANYA. — A small bomb went off inside a garbage truck here early yesterday morning. No one was injured and there was only slight damage to the truck.

The blast occurred after municipal garbage collectors emptied a trash bin containing the bomb into the truck. In Damascus the "Democratic Front" Arab terrorist group said the explosion "caused the deaths of several Israeli soldiers." (Him, AFP)

OPEN DAY. — Lectures on Egyptian literature, a seminar on the works of Hanech Levine and a symposium on "education for peace" are among the events set for Wednesday's "open day" at Tel Aviv University's faculty of humanities. The lectures and exhibits, in the Gillman and Sharett buildings on the campus, are open to the public.

To Jacobo and Risha Timerman

Best wishes from your friends and colleagues in Israel on the occasion of the marriage of your son

Dany to Ronit Danon

this evening at Kibbutz Ein Shemer

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'Family honour' murder brings life sentence

HAIFA (Him). — Four men were convicted here yesterday in the brutal murder of a resident of She'ab village in western Galilee last July. Yusuf Daoud Haibi, 24, was sentenced to life for premeditated murder of Zuhair Muhammad Barazi. Haibi claimed that he had suspected Barazi of having relations with his sister.

His brother Ali Daoud Haibi, 22, was sentenced to 10 years for conspiracy to commit a crime. The court noted that Ali knew of the plan and had tried to prevent its execution.

Jamal Raja 'Abd el Fattah, 20, and Muhammad Barazi, 18, were sentenced to seven and five years, respectively, for manslaughter. They had helped to bring the victim to an almond orchard near Moshav Segura where the crime was committed, and to conceal the body.

The fact that the accused's explanation was based on the tradition of "protecting the family honour" did not justify the act, declared Judge Avraham Friedman, Malchiel Slutski and Avraham Hermon of the Haifa District Court.

Consumers' costs rose 53% in '78

By SHLOMO MAOZ
Post Economic Reporter

The cost of goods and services for private consumption went up by 53 per cent in 1978, the Central Bureau of Statistics has calculated. It is to make this and other findings public at a press conference in Jerusalem today.

The bureau's findings show that the cost of services and of both locally-made and imported goods for the whole economy had risen by an average of 62 per cent in 1978. The price of investments went up by 72 per cent. Price rises in 1978 were on average one and a half times higher than they were in 1977.

The cost of consumption per person rose by 4 per cent in 1978. This followed a rise of between 1 and 2 per cent in the preceding years and a drop of 3 per cent in 1975. The price of public consumption, on the other hand, rose by 14 per cent in 1978, after falling last year.

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Brzezinski: Israel ties are as strong as ever

Jerusalem Post Correspondent
WASHINGTON. — President Jimmy Carter's advisor on national security, Dr. Zbigniew Brzezinski, yesterday "categorically" rejected charges that the Carter administration has sacrificed the U.S.'s "special relationship" with Israel in favour of global interests.

He said that the bilateral relations between the two countries were "as strong as ever," but warned that without a full and comprehensive solution to the Arab-Israeli conflict, Israel would be a "beleaguered state in a sea of hostility."

Brzezinski, interviewed for a New York Times issue of "The New York Times" by a Washington columnist James Reston, said that the organic and moral links between the U.S. and Israel put the relationship "above any formal ties or alliance."

But he added that as an official in the Carter administration he cannot

Bassok ready to judge TA coalition if Friday night theatre goes on

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Deputy Mayor Haim Bassok, the head of the religious faction in city hall, yesterday threatened to lead his party out of Mayor Shlomo Lahat's coalition if the Cameri Theatre is open here this Friday night.

Meanwhile, the city council meeting scheduled for yesterday was cancelled when both religious party members and Alignment representatives failed to appear.

The Alignment is protesting what they called a policy of keeping them in the dark about information pertaining to the future of the city's administration. The religious party representatives stayed away in protest at the Friday night theatre controversy.

An Alignment faction spokesman charged that Lahat's decision to cancel some municipal committees and rearrange the city's administrative departments would lead to a bloated budget and many fictitious appointments.

The Alignment was reported to be especially angered by Lahat's announcement that he would determine the size of municipal committees without consulting the Labour representatives.

The next council meeting was set for Wednesday.

Sanctions to start at Education Ministry

By LEA LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Teachers' salaries may be late this month due to sanctions by Ministry of Education administrative employees. The sanctions are expected to start this morning.

The workers claim they were promised certain benefits by the Civil Service Commission more than two years ago but that these benefits have not been forthcoming.

A meeting between the workers' committee and Education Ministry Director-General Eliezer Shmueli last night failed to convince the workers to postpone their sanctions.

In addition to not carrying out the ministry's financial transactions, the workers say they won't transfer telephone calls, distribute mail, or perform other clerical functions.

Reuven Ben-Ami, secretary-elect of the Civil Servants Union, said the union sees no point in these work stoppages. Some of the workers' demands have been accepted, while others were rejected because they were not in keeping with normal civil service procedure. Some of the demands are still under negotiation, he said.

Seidel wants to be deputy welfare minister

By SARAH HONG
Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Likud MK Hillel Seidel served warning yesterday that if he is not appointed deputy welfare minister he will regard himself as bound by the coalition agreements on religious and social affairs.

Seidel is head of a small Ahdut faction of the Likud which joined the party prior to the 1977 Knesset elections, after it bolted the Independent Liberal framework.

Seidel says that should he be left out in the end he will feel free to vote as his conscience dictates on religious and social affairs and not be bound by the coalition agreement between the Likud and the NRP.

demanding the post for MK Sarah Stern-Katan as one way to compensate it for the Democratic Movement's over-representation in the cabinet.

Election malpractice case in Haifa court

Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA. — The Haifa District Court yesterday began to hear an application to declare the recent local election in Umm el Fahm and Arava villages null and void and to hold new elections there.

Wajih Slad, former chairman of the Umm el Fahm local council, told the court that he has proof that either the present council chairman, or the representative of the Interior Ministry, had violated the law on election day.

Ammud Mussarawa, the representative of the local list in Arava, said that 13 village residents registered as having voted had been on their way to Mecca on election day. He said that two women on the electoral roll had died two years ago.

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STATE BUDGET

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Katz said he had abstained because the cabinet had not accepted the recommendation of Bank of Israel Governor Arnon Gafny to limit ILB. From the state budget, nor was there any discussion of a long-term economic plan. But, he said, since there were certain concessions to welfare in the budget, he had decided not to oppose it.

Moda' — who had submitted a draft budget of his own but who withdrew it yesterday — said he would continue to fight for his ideas in the cabinet. He said he would not resign because his colleagues had rejected his economic plan.

Moda' believes the budget in its present form will accelerate inflation. He said he would be pleased if inflation next year could be kept to 87 per cent — as provided for in the budget. But this is an inflation he charges implying that inflation would be much higher.

Finance Minister Elich said yesterday that the cabinet had devoted five sessions to the budget, and that no pressure had been brought to bear on the ministers to support it.

The reserves in the original budget were IL2.5b., but the treasury plans to allocate IL1.1b. of that sum to the various ministries — leaving only about IL1.4b. in reserve. Elich said yesterday that it was possible the reserves would be reduced still further, to IL7b.

Elich also said the proposed budget for the Energy Ministry is IL2.25b., but that Moda' is demanding IL4.25b. Elich and the energy minister are due to meet today to discuss their differences.

Elich also divulged that the treasury had agreed to increase the Defence Ministry budget by half a billion pounds (10 terms of 1978 prices), putting total defence expenditure at IL3.5 billion. Expenditure in foreign currency will remain unchanged at \$1,450m. The ministers of defence and finance met yesterday with Prime Minister Menachem Begin to discuss the budget.

Elich added that he was planning to increase the allocation to the Justice Ministry to recruit lawyers and judges for the war on black capital.

Shaloub named head of Haifa arts council

Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA. — Haifa lawyer Jamil Shaloub was named yesterday as chairman of the Public Council for Culture and Art among Arabs. He replaces Mahmud Abassi, an author who resigned for personal reasons.

The appointment is a result of the Education Ministry's decision to add Shaloub to the public council, which consists of Jews and Arabs.

Shaloub was previously a lawyer for the Haifa municipality.

Salonika Jewish leader Schiby dies

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Baruch Schiby, one of the leaders of the Jewish community in Salonika, Greece, died there on Saturday at the age of 71.

Schiby published the Salonika Haggadah and books on Jewish history. He is survived by his widow and three children. The funeral will be held in Salonika today.

We deeply mourn the passing of BARUCH SCHIBY

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The Family

ESTER (PADAWER) REISS

who passed away in New York

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Monday, January 1, 1979 (Tevet 2, 5739)

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With deep sorrow we announce the passing of our beloved husband, father, brother and grandfather

Dr. MAX M. STERMAN

The funeral will leave today, January 1, 1979, at 10 a.m. from the municipal funeral parlour in Sanhedria, Jerusalem.

Sterman, Lederman and Shapira Families

We mourn the death of HARRY SMITH

Netanya — Sydney (Australia)
beloved husband of: Betty Smith
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Her Sister, Dorit Lebed, and Family

Katz seeks strike-bar in vital areas

By AARON SITTNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Compulsory arbitration and a ban on strikes in "security-related services" and other vital sectors of the economy are being proposed by Dr. Israel Katz, Minister of Labour and Social Affairs.

In a draft law he is circulating among cabinet members, the Civil Service Commission, the Attorney General's Office and deans of university law faculties, Katz asks that the ministers of defence and labour be granted the power to decide whether a struck enterprise is so vital that the strike should automatically be ruled illegal.

Other affected enterprises would, under the draft law, be deemed "non-striking" even without a declaration from one of the two ministers. Such places of employment would include hospitals, sea

Grinfeld advances in chess tournament

By ELIAHU SHABAF
Post Chess Reporter

TEL AVIV. — 14-year-old Alan Grinfeld of BeerSheva, representing Israel in the world chess championship for "Cadets" (players under 17) now in progress in Holland, advanced to eighth place after the fourth round on Saturday. There are 40 players in the Cadet category.

In the third round Grinfeld defeated the French representative, and in the fourth round he drew with the Hungarian representative, Tamas Uzasi. Scotland's Paul Notovani and Cuba's Jose Huarego were in the lead with 3 1/2 points each. Grinfeld had 2 1/2 points.

Nir Grinberg of Petah Tikva, who recently won the IDF chess championship, is representing Israel in

Hatikva Qtr. man, 85, found murdered

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — An old man was brutally beaten and smothered to death in his Hatikva Quarter flat late Saturday night, police said yesterday. They detained 10 suspects, but released all of them after questioning, according to Tim.

The body of Shlomo Dalal, 85, was found by neighbours who said they had heard groans from his ground-floor flat earlier. Thinking he was ill, one neighbour suggested bringing him a cup of tea. But when she and another woman went to his flat and got no reply to their knock, they called in another neighbour and he broke into the flat.

The three found Dalal's battered body bent over his sofa in a kneeling position. Under his mouth, police found a rag, which they believe was used to gag him and stifle his cries for help.

Dr. Bezalel Bloch, head of the Institute for Forensic Medicine at nearby Abu Kabir, determined yesterday that the cause of death was suffocation. He said the man had been beaten over the head and then smothered, probably by having his face pushed into a sofa cushion.

The dead man's flat had apparently been searched, as clothing and jewellery were strewn all over.

Police said yesterday that they did not know what the killer or killers had been looking for.

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To Mrs. Lizzy and Rony Lanzer and Family

our deepest condolences on the passing of your beloved mother and grandmother

Mrs. LOUIS GOLDREICH

We shall always affectionately cherish her memory.

Friends from Haifa and Nahariya

Heartfelt condolences to David Shenbari and family

on the untimely passing of his sister

NELLIE ARONSON

United Jewish Appeal
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SALT, Peking and trade with U.S. seen behind Soviets' easing emigration

By KEVIN KLOSE
Washington Post News Service

MOSCOW. — As several hundred Soviet Jews clutching hard-won official emigration documents entered in the sub-zero cold outside the Dutch embassy here last Wednesday, officials inside registered a remarkable event in the recent troubled history of Soviet-American relations — the issuance of the 30,000th visa in one year for a Soviet citizen to emigrate from the USSR.

Not since 1973, when almost 35,000 Jews were allowed to leave the Soviet Union, has the pace of Kremlin-sanctioned emigration reached such levels. That was the last year, before the passage by the U.S. Congress of the Jackson-Vanik amendment, tying bilateral trade to Jewish emigration, brought an abrupt decline in the numbers of Jews allowed to leave this country of closed borders.

Officials in the small Dutch legation on Kalashny Pereulok in central Moscow relate to discuss either the numbers of Jews they are successfully processing for emigration, or the reasons why the total this year may exceed 31,000. It is a sharp increase from the average of 16,000 who have been allowed to emigrate annually in each of the past four years since the Jackson-Vanik amendment was approved.

(The Netherlands Embassy has represented Israel here since 1967, when the Soviets broke off relations with Israel because of the Six-Day War.)

But Western diplomatic sources and Jews themselves believe the sharp upturn in exit permits relates directly to two major Kremlin goals: Ratification by the U.S. Senate next year of a new Soviet-American strategic arms agreement, and easing or repeal of the congressional acts that link Soviet-American trade and credits specifically to Jewish emigration.

In the opinion of these sources, the Soviet leadership, while conceding nothing to its critics, now secretly recognizes that it has done major damage to the USSR both in America and in the rest of the Western world because of its restrictive emigration policies towards Jews.

They suggest that the Kremlin now wants to improve

the atmosphere with the U.S. where the outcry against Jewish emigration has been the strongest and represents the biggest impediment to Soviet interests.

Officially, the Soviets have decided to relax Senate and U.S. business delegations visiting Moscow that there is a "linkage" between their emigration policies and any other aspect of Kremlin relations with the outside world.

Yet, the emigration issue looms as a key aspect of possible Senate approval of a new nuclear arms agreement — and the Soviet government has indicated in various ways that it realizes ratification could hinge on a few key votes.

In addition, 12 U.S. senators and both the secretaries of the Treasury and Commerce who visited here this month made it clear that possible repeal of the Jackson-Vanik amendment, tying tariff relief to Jewish emigration, with the Soviets consider as onerous, can only be considered after Senate approval of a new SALT treaty.

Some informed sources here suggest that the altered Kremlin policy towards the sensitive issue of Jewish emigration stems from the recent emergence — and acceptance — of China in the West as a country eagerly and amiably seeking both close diplomatic ties with Western capitalist nations and their technological expertise to modernize a long-isolated and backward economy. (Peking and Washington are today scheduled to establish normal diplomatic relations after 29 years of estrangement.)

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Switched-babies case reaches court

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The parents of two baby girls who were accidentally switched several times after their births at the Rambam government hospital here last June yesterday filed separate damage suits against the Health Ministry.

The parents sued for a total of IL\$11,500 in direct damages and also asked to be awarded special damages for the mental anguish they suffered as a result of the multiple switch. The district court here is to decide on the size of these damages. The Health Ministry has not yet filed a defence brief.

The suits, filed by attorneys Shlomo Avni and Shimon Eyal, state that the baby girls, one of them one of a pair of non-identical twins, had been switched by the hospital three times during the ten June days the mothers were in the hospital's maternity ward.

When the mothers left hospital they were given official letters stating that each mother is leaving with her own baby in her arms.

The mothers say however that a few days later the hospital received blood test results which showed that "a terrible mistake was made," but failed to notify the parents. The parents claim that they first heard

that they were nursing the wrong babies in a television news report several weeks later.

The parents charge that the hospital's negligence caused them great suffering, mental shock, restlessness and anguish that is still continuing. One of the fathers had been so adversely affected that he had needed medical treatment for a long time, which had caused him to lose his job and wages, one suit says.

Furthermore, the frequent switching had resulted in such complications that the parents say they were forced to hire legal counsel to sort things out, and are unable to pay for the legal aid.

The lawyers have agreed to take payment after damages are collected from the ministry. The claim includes lawyers' fees of IL\$70,000. Other detailed financial damages sought include travel expenses, blood test fees and medical aid.

The plaintiffs said that blood tests made at the Hadassah Medical Centre in Jerusalem, and the opinions of Hadassah experts last June, had finally convinced everyone that the mothers had been given the wrong babies on leaving Rambam.

That same night, on their return from Hadassah, the parents had changed the babies for the last time, "in a heartrending scene."

'Incriminating' document on Mizrahi ruled inadmissible

TEL AVIV (Itim). — A document allegedly linking the name of millionaire contractor and hotelier Bezalel Mizrahi to organized crime in Israel was ruled inadmissible as evidence in the District Court here yesterday.

The document was produced by the deputy editor of "Ha'aretz," Gideon Samet, who was testifying on behalf of the newspaper in Mizrahi's marathon IL\$10m. libel suit against it. It was ruled inadmissible because it had reached the newspaper from the U.S. after the trial began. Judge Shulamit Wallenstein also banned publication of its contents.

Samet spent much of his testimony answering questions about the manner in which "Ha'aretz" had dealt with the issue of organized crime. Mizrahi is suing the paper for calling him a crime lord.

The deputy editor told the court that "Ha'aretz" had been concerned about the matter for about 10 years. The crime "beat" had been covered first by Ran Kistlev, and was taken over by Avi Valentin in 1972, he said. It was then that the paper began to receive "worrying reports" of protection rackets, increasing violence and the intimidation of witnesses. "We saw these as posing grave dangers to Israeli society," Samet said.

Cross-examined by the newspaper's attorney, Shlomo Lieblit, Samet explained that the paper was careful to check whether

Work-to-rule keeps phones out in TA

By AARON SITTNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Work-to-rule job sanctions are hampering telephone installation and repairs in Tel Aviv. As a result, hundreds of phones knocked out during last month's heavy rains are still out of order.

The source of the labour trouble is a dispute over incentive pay between the Tel Aviv district director of the telephone service and the city's telephone engineers' staff committee. The engineers are demanding extension of a temporary arrangement granting them special "premium" pay. But the Ministry of Transport and Communications says it will end the arrangement only if the Industrial Council approves, and claims the staff committee refuses to appear before the council.

The Industrial Council is a tripartite body comprising representatives of the ministry, the Histadrut and the local body of workers applying for a ruling on incentive pay.)

Ministry sources claimed yesterday that the situation in Tel Aviv is not serious, they said they expect an early resumption of new installations and reconnecting of lines cut off non-payment of bills, possibly this morning.

The source also expressed hope that the staff committee and the ministry's director-general — in meetings with the Industrial Council — would soon reach a settlement on the incentive pay question, permitting resumption of phone repairs.

Friedman to visit 'Final Solution' vila

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — A delegation from the Nazi War Crimes Documentation Centre here will visit the Wannsee (West Berlin) vila where the Nazis decided on their "Final Solution" in 1942 — on January 20, the anniversary of the infamous conference held there.

Centre director Tuvis Friedman, who will lead the group, told The Jerusalem Post yesterday that his group will try to hold a Sabbath prayer service in the house on the anniversary, and has asked the head of the Jewish community to make the necessary arrangements.

The Nazis' 1942 Wannsee conference was convened in a confiscated Jewish villa on the shores of the suburban lake to decide the fate of the eight million Jews in Germany and Nazi-occupied Europe. It was attended by the heads of the SS and by representatives of all German ministries.

On January 20, the German con-

Moshe Sasson named special ambassador

Veteran Israeli diplomat Moshe Sasson has been appointed to the rank of special ambassador, as head of the Foreign Ministry's European desk and will be in charge of relations with Cyprus and other special tasks, a ministry announcement said yesterday.

Sasson, 52, has served in Athens, Geneva, Ankara and Rome, and was a member of the negotiating team that failed in a bid for peace negotiations with transjordan's King Abdullah. He also served as Foreign Minister Yehoshua Dayan's representative in the military delegation to the Camp David talks.

'Progress' postpones academics' strike

TEL AVIV. — The warning strike that engineers and other academic professionals had threatened to hold tomorrow has been cancelled because of what union officials term "some progress" in negotiations with the Civil Service Commission.

The academic professionals are demanding that beginners' salaries in their fields be raised to the average salary in the economy, with all other salaries on the wage scale adjusted upward commensurately. They are also demanding increased employer contributions to their advanced-studies fund, and time off for training.

Wire-guided planes

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Ofer Movvich and Rami Goldstein of Haifa and Boaz Trudler of Ramat Hasharon won the first three places in the Israel championship for wire-guided model planes which was held in Holon.

Fifty competitors put in seven minutes of flight. This was one of the competitions for the selection of a three-man Israel team to represent the country in the European championship to be held in Belgium in 1978.

TEACHERS. — The 75th anniversary of the founding of the Yadudruchers Union will be celebrated tomorrow at Jerusalem's Bnei Menachem. Education Minister Yehoshua Hammer will deliver the vantage address.



Formerly illiterate women attending a conference on adult education at the Knesset listen during one of the lectures given during the day-long session. (Harati.)

Too many Israelis can't read

By BENNY MORRIS
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Some 11 per cent of Israeli women are illiterate and close to half of those over 14 years of age have enjoyed eight or less years of schooling. Yet only one per cent of the Education Ministry's budget is devoted to adult education and illiteracy eradication programmes.

These were some of the startling facts revealed by Knesset Education Committee chairwoman Ora Namir at yesterday's "adult student's day" get-together in the Knesset.

Hundreds of former illiterates and dozens of educators gathered beneath the Knesset's Chagall tapestries to mark the day. Awards were presented to a number of elderly pupils who, to judge from their acceptance speeches, had clearly only recently overcome acute cases of illiteracy.

A Safad woman told her emigration from Morocco, of her trials in a Lachish area moshav and of her eventual settlement in the Galilee city of Kabbala.

She described seeing her husband studying Hebrew, and becoming infatuated with the desire to learn to read. Eventually she was "presented with" a girl soldier teacher of her own. She now reads and writes Hebrew and in addition, is studying arithmetic, Bible and history.

She said she hopes that when her grandchildren enter elementary school, she will be able to help them with their studies and to read them to sleep with Hebrew stories.

But adult education, as Namir and Likud MK Moshe Katzav pointed out, is an ignored and neglected field.

"It's a matter of priorities," Namir said, adding that "the government, according to the bulk of Education Committee members, has got them wrong."

She added that 42 per cent of eighth grade graduates were sub-standard. "This stems in part from neglect during their pre-school days," she charged. Only 5.4 per cent of the education budget goes to the schooling of under-six-year-olds.

But even more lamentable, Namir said, is the neglect of adult education. Educators, she claimed, have found that a child's performance and development is predominantly the result of what he gets at home (50 per cent home, 30 per cent social environment, 10-20 per cent school).

"And home means, above all, the country's mothers," Namir said.

Namir called on the country's universities to open literacy centres and adult education programmes. She attacked what she said was the tendency in the government to cut budgets at the expense of education and social welfare programmes.

Education Ministry Director-General Eliezer Shmueli, implicitly agreeing with these criticisms, said that for years too little attention had been paid by the ministry to adults and to the problem of illiteracy.

It was only in recent years, he asserted, that something close to the necessary energy was being devoted to repair the damage caused by neglect in the past," Shmueli said.

Israel suspends exports to Iran

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Israel's exports to Iran which had reached \$10m, a year have been suspended because of situation there.

The Jerusalem Post learned that the Shippers Council, representing exporters, and Zim decided on Friday not to load 200 containers of export cargoes, which had been sent Eilat, on a freighter that was to sail for Iran tomorrow.

Council director Arieh Meholi told The Post that the decision was taken following notification from another freighter, which had already reached Bandar or Shapur Harbor that it was unable to unload 250 containers due to the situation in the port.

Kollek favours Leish for Jewish Qtr. post

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Mayor Teddy Kollek has recommended to Housing Minister Gideon Patt that he appoint minister spokesman Yehuda Leish as director of the Company for the Reconstruction of the Jewish Quarter instead of the engineer Patt was reported considering.

In a letter to Patt last week, Kollek said that there was increasing discontent among residents of the quarter over the company's policies. Referring to the current acting director of the company, engineer Abraham Rotman, Kollek said he was a technocrat in a job that demanded experience in dealing with people.

100,000 Beduin sheep, goats to be branded

TEL AVIV. — Some 100,000 sheep and goats belonging to Negev Beduin will be branded by the end of January.

Eighteen thousand have been branded so far, and will be able to graze on land leased by settlements or by the Jewish National Fund in the area. Minister of Agriculture Ariel Sharon told a delegation of Negev Beduin on Friday.

SEMINAR. — The Institute of Israel Studies in association with the Shiloah Centre will conduct a series of Thursday seminars on the prospects for peace at ZOA House in Tel Aviv. The first seminar will be at 8 p.m. this Thursday.



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Turkey unrest claims 1,177 deaths in '78

ISTANBUL (UPI). — Turkish authorities said yesterday at least 15 people died in riots and civil disturbances in December, but admitted the total was incomplete.

Year-end breakdowns of a year of rioting which led the government of premier Bulent Ecevit to impose widespread martial law appeared in any Istanbul newspapers yesterday, and authorities said they were substantially correct.

They showed a total of 1,177 deaths from civil violence during the year, with the December totals from riots in Kahraman Maras incomplete. Of these, 330 had died in Istanbul, 133 in Ankara, 114 known so far in Kahraman Maras and 83 in Adana. The others were counted in cities now under martial law.

Some Istanbul newspapers catalogued the dead by occupation — ranging from 315 students killed to 2 mailmen. Among them were four children, three journalists, three doctors, seven housewives and 10 soldiers.

Turkey was reported having a quiet New Year's Eve yesterday.

(Leader — back page)

Ianoi-backed Cambodians proclaim 'liberated' area

BANGKOK (UPI). — Cambodian rebels said yesterday they have "liberated" half a northeastern province from the Phnom Penh government.

A broadcast by the pro-Vietnam rebel group claimed it had firm control of the eastern half of Ratanakiri Province, about 350 km. from the capital city.

The broadcast claimed the rebels have bottled up government forces in the only town of any size in the region, Bo Kharn, and control the entire countryside by day and night.

It was the first specific claim by the month-old Cambodia National United Front for National Salvation. The broadcast said that the rebel forces now control the eastern half of the province, a strip about 70 km. wide along the Vietnam border.

The rebels said government forces had been reinforced in the area, and that "the Phnom Penh troops have shelled and launched many attacks on the liberated zones."

Phnom Penh Radio, the official voice of the Cambodian government, effectively denied the rebel claims. It said on Saturday that government troops had beaten back "Vietnamese aggressors" attacking Ratanakiri on Christmas Day.

Cambodian government broadcasts have claimed that the rebels are mostly Vietnamese regular soldiers, while Vietnam has claimed it has no troops involved in fighting inside Cambodia.

Most diplomatic and intelligence sources believe the Vietnamese are heavily involved in supporting the Front, almost certainly to the extent of providing troops.

U.S. probe finds probable conspiracies behind murders of JFK, King

WASHINGTON (Reuters). — Congressional investigators have concluded after a two-year probe that President John Kennedy and civil rights leader Martin Luther King were probably killed as a result of conspiracies.

The House of Representatives Assassinations Committee, in a final report on Saturday, did not say who may have been responsible. Evidence to support its conclusions will be published later.

The conclusion that there was probably a conspiracy to assassinate Kennedy followed testimony from two experts. These said they were more than 95 per cent certain that a shot had been fired at the president from a grassy knoll in front of the presidential motorcade in Dallas on November 22, 1963.

Their evidence contradicted the findings of the Warren Commission, which said in its 1964 report that three shots had been fired — all of them from behind the president — by Lee Harvey Oswald.

The committee said it was unable to identify the second gunman or the extent of the conspiracy.

But it criticized the Warren Commission and the FBI for failing to investigate adequately the possibility of a conspiracy, and said that the Secret Service had not given the president adequate protection.

On the murder of King in Memphis, Tennessee, on April 4, 1968, the committee said that on circumstantial evidence there was a likelihood that his convicted killer, James Earl Ray, had been involved in a conspiracy.

The report did not give further details. But during its public hearings it suggested that Ray's brothers, John and Jerry, might have conspired with him to kill King.

Five held in Namibia terror bombing

WINDHOEK, South West Africa (UPI). — Police picked up five suspects yesterday in connection with a terror bombing that could sour hopes of UN-supervised elections in South West Africa (Namibia).

The authorities did not release details of the arrests, but said they believed the bomb that ripped apart a crowded seaside resort restaurant on Saturday, injuring 37 people, was the work of South West African Peoples Organization (SWAPO) militants.

Hospital authorities said at least five of the victims in the blast at Swakopmund on the northwestern coast remained in serious condition.

South African Foreign Minister Pik Botha sent a firmly worded message to the UN saying that its proposed elections would not work as long as such attacks continued.

"Either SWAPO participates peacefully in the election, or it does not participate in an election at all," he said in the note.

The bomb blast was the fourth such attack since the beginning of the month. The first three injured 14 persons in Windhoek on the weekend before the polls opened in the territory's first one-man, one-vote elections.

Avalanche kills skiers

SANTA CATERINA, Italy (Reuters). — Three West Germans were killed in an avalanche on Saturday after they ignored warning signs and skied outside a marked course, Italian officials said.

Two members of the group escaped without serious injury. The Germans had skied into a valley in this northern Alpine resort near the Swiss frontier where they were overtaken by the avalanche, the officials said.



San Diego resident Myrna Faulkner leans over her baby Mignon, described by doctors as the most premature baby ever to live. Mignon was 17 weeks premature when she was born on November 7. A local doctor said last week that the baby was still not "out of the woods."

(AP radiophoto)

Cold wave puts chill on New Year

A cold wave gripping northern Europe put a chill on New Year's Eve celebration plans yesterday — with northern Germany vanishing under an 80-hour snowfall and Moscow facing the coldest temperatures in a century.

Britain saw out the old year gripped yesterday by what officials called the worst weather in 15 years. Heavy snow made huge areas of the country no-go areas. Both London Airports were closed. Train services were hit.

Three crewmen of the 500-ton trawler Ben Adale died when wind forced their ship onto rocks near Falmouth. Royal Navy helicopters winched eight men off and three others scrambled ashore, but the final three perished.

In Moscow, the bitter weather weather bureau recorded temperatures of minus 36.2C and warned it would be getting worse.

The early Saturday recordings broke a December 30 record set in 1915. Sunday's temperatures broke the record for the previous all-time low for Moscow, minus 32.2C set on January 17, 1940.

In Bonn, the West German Army yesterday put 2,700 soldiers on catastrophe duty in North Germany where snow fell for 80 hours without interruption.

The temperature sank to minus 15 centigrade, and snow drifts four metres high blocked highways and rail lines. In parts of Schleswig-Holstein, the hardest hit by the blizzard, all private driving was banned. Five deaths from cold were reported in Germany.

In Warsaw snow, strong winds and low temperatures paralysed transportation in northern and central Poland yesterday. Baltic ports were partly disrupted, as was Warsaw's Okęcie Airport. Warsaw's streetscars and buses were paralysed by low temperatures and the main power station called on its workers to report to work despite the Sunday free day. (UPI)

OAS warns Somoza against invasion

WASHINGTON (Reuters). — The Organisation of American States has called on Nicaragua to refrain from attacking or threatening Costa Rica, its Central American neighbour.

Costa Rica has denied that it is providing a haven for anti-Somoza guerrillas.

Somoza is under pressure from a three-nation mediation team led by the U.S. to accept proposals aimed at establishing peace in Nicaragua, where rebel clashes with national guardsmen have threatened the Somoza family's 40-year-old rule.

Dutch broadcast frees hostage

THE HAGUE (Reuters). — Dutch overseas radio broadcast a left-wing guerrilla manifesto to save the life of businessman Frits Schultema, and Schultema was freed unharmed by kidnapers in El Salvador on Saturday night, a senior broadcasting executive said yesterday.

Schultema, manager of the Philips electrical company office in the Central American republic, was found by a taxi driver near his home outside the capital, San Salvador, after the broadcast.

The director-general of the Dutch Broadcasting Authority's world service said the 30-minute programme in Spanish "seemed to be the only chance of saving Mr. Schultema's life."

The broadcast was made without the approval of the El Salvador government, informed sources said here.

The guerrillas had told Philips through an intermediary that Schultema, 34, would be released two hours after the broadcast, and they kept their word, the sources said.

The left-wing guerrilla organization, "Armed Forces of National Resistance," which had held the Philips executive since November 24, had previously demanded payment of a ransom and publication of its manifesto inside El Salvador.

WORLD SCENE

China leads off the New Year

ON THIS FIRST day of the New Year, a look back on 1978 shows that it failed dismally to bring solutions to the world's most urgent problems. On the other hand there was much to engage journalists and the news, though mostly depressing, gave people plenty to chew on; for it was either quiet or dull.

And now 1979 starts today in a resounding manner, with the establishment of diplomatic relations between China and the U.S. In itself this event assures that the year ahead will not be a tranquil one politically.

For the new Chinese-American relationship (imperial though it seems, given that Washington threw overboard its faithful ally Taiwan now effectively places China as the third superpower on the world scene. It adds a new competitor to the big power political game, and Moscow obviously isn't pleased at this development.

Of course, morals have no place in politics and President Jimmy Carter has become the foremost exponent of this axiom: the Taiwan issue and "normalization" tie with Peking are the latest example to small nations of how not to rely on being rescued by American power.

Asians and Africans alike who are easily impressed by visible events, and the retreat of American influence over the past year cannot but have had its effect on their thinking. They are not so naive as to think that American strength has been broken; but the ever-expanding Soviet activities inevitably reinforce their doubts about U.S. promises and pledges.

The reason for Carter's quick action on China may be most easily understood by a glance at its administration's misconduct of foreign policy during which Soviet influence has now extended to some crucial areas of the globe.

AMERICAN FOREIGN policy's effects on the move towards Peking may be broken down into three areas:

First, the Camp David euphoria has frozen into a deadlock which has chilled U.S.-Saudi relations, as exemplified by the State Department's too-loud reaffirmation over the weekend of its friendship with the leading Arab oil producer.

Second, the Iranian situation has exploded, and the upheaval is about to radically alter the balance of power in the Persian Gulf.

Third, Iran's neighbour Afghanistan has become to all intents and purposes a Soviet satellite since the leftist coup there eight months ago.

Fourth, the Afghanistan development has had its effects on neighbouring Pakistan — once pro-Western but now nervously neutralist and seising itself isolated and open to Soviet penetration.

Fifth, the Soviet-Cuban hold on Ethiopia has been strengthened, despite the loss of Soviet influence in

Somalia and the American failure to fill the vacuum, while the Eritrean rebels are now retreating.

Sixth, Soviet influence has grown in South Yemen since the bloody coup earlier this year, and intelligence reports now speak of thousands of Cuban troops there.

Seventh, there is the failure by the U.S. and Britain to act as mediators in Rhodesia, where the outlook seems to be a solution on the battlefield — with consequences from which only the Soviets could profit.

Eighth, Vietnam (including Laos, which is now a complete Vietnamese satellite) has come under total Soviet influence in the past few months; and Washington and Peking had to do something to prevent the creation of a Soviet Cuba in Southeast Asia.

SO MUCH FOR the American side of the story. With the abrogation of the 1954 U.S.-Taiwan defence treaty by the end of this year, Peking now faces the problem of what to do about the Nationalist Chinese regime in Taiwan.

An analysis of the possibilities open to Peking shows that there are only four: 1. — Armed "liberation" of the island, which is 150 km. from the mainland. 2. — Negotiating some kind of political union with looses ties. 3. — Opening an economic relationship which would be of benefit to both sides — with Taiwan serving China as Hongkong does today, where Communists do business in a capitalist manner and thereby earn a lot of foreign currency. 4. — Simply maintaining the status quo.

This is not necessarily the order of preference, of course. So far, Nationalist President Chiang Ching-kuo has said he will never negotiate with Peking. He can afford to say so now, for his island is heavily fortified and his people, both the native Taiwanese and those who fled there from the mainland, have created an economic miracle and would not dream now of serving Chinese Communist masters.

Chiang says that communism will disintegrate in China, even if it takes another 50 years, and that the Taiwanese are willing to wait. But Peking says the same thing about Taiwan, and its leaders tell the Americans they are in no hurry and will wait "a thousand years" if necessary for Taiwan to be reunited with the motherland.

Militarily, the Chinese are contained by the Soviet threat in the north and the hostile Vietnamese in the south. The Americans estimate that the Chinese could only throw 100,000 troops across the Formosa Strait against Taiwan — but say this could not succeed against Taiwan's formidable defence forces, which number a quarter of a million first-line troops and another half a million behind them.

Peking now just isn't strong enough to take Taiwan. But one day, when they deal with it, China's rulers may give the world much more than Taiwan to worry about.

UN spotlights worldwide drug abuse by children

UNITED NATIONS (AP). — On the eve of the International Year of the Child, a new UN publication threw a spotlight yesterday on a problem that besets hundreds of thousands of the world's children: drug addiction.

Children and drug — issued by the UN division of narcotic drugs, cited 130,000 young drug users in major cities of Colombia, almost 100,000 young addicts in two coastal states of Malaysia, one out of four children between 12 and 17 found to be using drugs in the U.S. in 1976, and 30 per cent of French schoolchildren estimated on hard drugs in 1977.

"For literally thousands of babies each year, the first thing they know of the world is the excruciating pain of heroin withdrawal as a result of their mothers' habit..." it said.

"In 1973, one out of every 14 babies delivered at Philadelphia General Hospital was born to a drug-dependent mother."

The booklet said "numerous cases of child drug abuse" arose from "open, abundantly stocked medicine and liquor cabinets combined with the example of frequent parental use."

It said that children also turned to drugs because of mistreatment or neglect by their parents and other problems that commonly followed that — poor performance in school, development of a poor self-image, yearning for acceptance into a group and "search for escape, stimulation, relief or expanded meaning" through drug use.

It complained that, especially in North America, "pediatricians working with so-called hyperactive

Mayor, police accused of town-hall rape

ASUNCION, Paraguay (Reuters). — The mayor, deputy-mayor and five policemen in the Paraguayan town of Santa Rosa were arrested on Saturday and accused of raping an 18-year-old girl at a town hall Christmas party.

The girl said she was attacked when she called at the town hall to collect a good behaviour certificate. Dozens of mothers demonstrated on Friday in the town demanding that the men be dismissed. The provincial governor ordered their arrests.

Giscard returns from Gabon big game hunt

PARIS (UPI). — French President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing and his family returned yesterday from a big game hunting trip in Gabon, West Africa.

The family spent seven days in the country in a French-owned wild animal reservation at Setre-Cama on the southern Atlantic coast.

Gabonese President Omar Bongo on Saturday presided over a 2,000-guest gala dinner in honour of the French presidential couple.

Peking rehabilitation

PEKING (Reuters). — A new wallposter has gone up here saying that disgraced former Peking mayor Peng Chen has returned to the capital — and diplomats believe his rehabilitation may be imminent if the news is true.

Once one of China's most prominent leaders, Peng, 76, became the first member of the party politburo to fall in the political upheavals of the "Cultural Revolution."

Toy Fund mailbags still running heavy

THE JERUSALEM POST Toy Fund mailbags are still running heavy and will continue to do so for some time. With Hanukkah and Christmas coming together, our Toy Fund mail certainly got caught up with all of the holiday rush.

Yesterday IL10, 912 came in bringing the total so far to IL451,446.50. The Toy Fund is certainly making itself a new record with the two successful drives we have run for our 30th year.

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525 Anonymous, Evanston, Ill. From Dina (8), Jill (5) and Sam (1) Fuchs, Greenville, N.C.

520 In loving memory of the late Zvi Reichardt of Ramat Gan, from Sheila and Manny Kurland, Montreal, Canada.

518 For our grandsons, Adam, David and Jason Sheer of Norwood, Mass. — Mr. & Mrs. Philip Holtz, in honour of our very dear cousins, Leah and Joseph Spivak of Tel Aviv — Bertha and Julius Bayard, Rockaway Beach, N.Y. In memory of: Solomon Schechter, Abraham Goldberg and Jacob Bell, beloved fathers, grandfather and uncle — from Esther, Larry, Eric, Barry and David Goldberg, Piscataway, N.J.

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516 Pupils of Klia Bet of Temple Emanu-El Religious School, Englewood, N.J.: Miriam Nelson (teacher), Lisa Doinisky, Deborah Johnson, Stacey Reisman, Terri Langbaum, Stacey Berg, Mark Sherman, Jonathan Stern, Russell Alexander, Steven Frydel, Benjamin Sues, Robin Breuer, Eli Khassam, Stefania Nelson, Roni Caser and Rachel.

DF126 From Stela Merco-Rikardo, Head of Jewish Activities, Groningen, Holland.

IL20 Anonymous, in honour of Mrs. Weingarten and Mr. & Mrs. Wesley of Geshar Hasiv — Mr. Schwimmer.

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Gadi Tal after four months of settlement.

(Harry Wall)

Settlers in Gaza

By HARRY WALL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

THE TERM "autonomy" moves up the lexicon of political science and into the parlance of Middle East peace-making. It is subject to varying interpretations. But for Haim Bar-El, the first place at which the principle of autonomy is to be tested — its significance is unmistakable.

"Autonomy will lead to the destruction of Israel," declares the tall, full-bearded settler. "It will result in the PLO taking over Gaza, the other territories, and ultimately the entire nation."
Bar-El and his 23-year-old wife Tova are members of the seven-family settlement nucleus which moved onto the new moshav two months ago. Katif is one of a cluster of three Israeli settlements overlooking the Arab town of Khan Yunis which are now being "thickened."

All the settlers are religious and most believe fervently that Gaza is part of "Eretz Yisrael." None of the members interviewed by *The Jerusalem Post* was worried about being among a handful of Jews surrounded by thousands of Arabs.
"As Jews, we have an obligation to live here," says Tova, who comes from New York. "Gaza has been a question mark for Jewish settlement. Our presence is a step towards removing any doubts about our right to this land."

Problem of revival

By JUDY SIEGEL/Jerusalem Post Reporter

MIDDLE EAST peace will bring a decrease in Jewish identity and involvement among American Jewry that will require a massive educational effort both in the U.S. and Israel, warns Rabbi Henry Siegman, the recently-appointed executive director of the American Jewish Congress.
Siegman told *The Jerusalem Post* that American Jews have been conditioned over the past 30 years to believe that donating money to ensure Israel's survival in the face of war was their major role.
"Israeli leaders are at fault; they gave out signals that the real VIPs are the big givers," Siegman maintains. "Now we have to undo all the damage, so that U.S. Jews don't think that when peace comes, there is nothing for them to do."

A massive effort equal to the dimensions of the rescue of Holocaust victims and the establishment of the State of Israel must be undertaken in the U.S. to revive Jewish identity by promoting formal and informal Jewish education, he said.
The American Jewish Congress, established six decades or so ago as a Jewish defence organization, will shift gears and give higher priorities to Jewish educational work while putting less effort in promoting church-state separation and other issues.

SIEGMAN said that the U.S. government gave the AJC almost \$1m. to set up a project that hired un-

"Why do the Jews come here?" grumbled a Khan Yunis shopkeeper. "They do not belong in Gaza and will only create problems."

The settlers, however, say they feel secure in their homes. "I was more frightened before I came than I've been since living here," says Janis Joseph, 26, formerly of Cleveland, Ohio. "The only Arabs we see here are a few riding camels in the distance."

Indeed, the only Arabs evident in the settlement area were those building the houses at Ganei Tal. ("When we are finished working here, we will not be allowed back in," said one of the labourers from Gaza.)
Each of the settlements is surrounded by a high-wire perimeter fence punctuated by a gate, which is guarded by soldiers. They give the impression of garrison-ghettos, tiny Jewish islands amidst a sea of Arabs.

Unlike the other territories, Gaza has hardly any civilian Jewish population. Outside of the three religious settlements, there are only two other enclaves — former Nahal camps. There, settlers are living in caravans and awaiting their turn to establish new moshavim, which may not necessarily be located in Gaza.

The plans call for building four more settlements and a service centre near Katif, and for doubling the populations of the existing communities. But they appear to have been shelved until the whole settlement issue is resolved by the peace talks.

How do the Israeli settlers see their future if and when Gaza is granted autonomous status and the IDF presence is phased out? "I can't imagine it would be feasible to stay here without the army," says Janis Joseph as she feeds her baby.

Haim Bar-El, working with some companions at covering a 20-dunam plot of eggplants with plastic, has no doubts.

"We are determined to stay here," he says defiantly. "This is a national priority."



Rabbi Henry Siegman. (Auerbach)

employed Jewish artists and musicians.
"We organized music and dance ensembles that create works with only Jewish themes," he explained. "Before they joined the programme, the artists for the most part had no contact with Jewish life." The project was renewed by the government for an additional year.

The American Jewish Congress' reputation of being a "travel agency" for groups to Israel is unfair, says Siegman. "That is not our only job, but it is an important one. We bring 15,000 Jewish tourists to Israel every year — more than any other organization in the world. The next biggest programme — with 3,000 tourists annually — is the National Council for Jewish Women."
Siegman noted that AJC tours are popular not because they are cheaper than the rest, but because they allow participants to meet Israelis of similar professions who provide home hospitality, as well as stress Jewish education.
The new executive director will suggest to AJC president Howard Squadron that the Israeli office of the organization be expanded and that a followup study of its tour participants who later came on aliyah be launched.

Questions of ownership A talmudic parable

By ALEXANDER CARLEBACH/Special to The Jerusalem Post

WITH ALL OUR vaunted sovereignty and independence, we remain beholden to the great power of the U.S. Its whims, its wishes and, at times, its diktat.
Unpalatable as this may be, one may derive some comfort by looking back to our ancient history at the relatively short periods when we enjoyed some semblance of national independence: the early kingdom under Saul, David and Solomon in the 11th and 10th centuries B.C.E.; under Jeroboam II (of Israel) and Uzziah (of Judah) in the 8th century B.C.E.; of the Hasmonean rulers from Simon to Shalom-Zion in the second and first centuries B.C.E.; even under Agrippa I from 40-44 C.E. Such freedom as there was always resulted from some vacuum when great-power influence was in decline.

Nevertheless, such influence was always there. First the Egyptians, then the Assyrians, followed by the Babylonians and later the Persians. The latter empire was conquered by Alexander the Great, and his own empire was inherited by his successors, the Ptolemies of Egypt and the Seleucids of Syria.

For nearly two centuries one or the other power exercised sovereignty over Judea. The Hasmoneans gained independence from the Seleucids for less than 80 years — when the Romans stepped in.

WITH ALL THIS change of empires, the geo-political facts remained constant: a small country at the crossroads of three continents, being a vital corridor from one empire to the other, could not remain independent.

This was not the sole problem. Jews were not the only inhabitants of this country. Canaanites, Philistines, Samaritans, Greek and Macedonian settlers disputed

ownership of what we call the Land of Israel. The super-powers were only too ready to adjudicate between them — *divide et impera*.

Talmud and Midrash have preserved a story which well illustrates the above. It concerns three law cases brought before Alexander the Great dealing with rights to Eretz Israel — the disputants being the Canaanites — we might call them the Palestinians, the Ishmaelites, i.e. the Arabs, and the Egyptians.

The exact historical setting and the details of our report may, of course, have no claim to accuracy, but it reflects actual political tensions and, even more so, built-in problems of the Jewish presence in this country.

THE STORY has come down to us in three versions: in the Tractate Sanhedrin of the Babylonian Talmud (91a); in Genesis Rabbah ch. 61 (p.668 of the Theodor-Albeck edition); and in Megillah Ta'anith (B.Z. Lurie ed. p. 127-8).

In spite of many variations, the three versions complement each other on many points. The Canaanites or their African descendants claim to be the true and exclusive owners of the Land of Canaan; the Ishmaelites claim co-ownership as co-heirs to their ancestor Abraham; the Egyptians ask for compensation for all the treasure the departing Israelites

took with them at the Exodus (Ex. 12: 35-36).

The hero of the story is that legendary Geviva ben Pesia. The first name describes him as a hunchback; the second name, too, may not be a patronymic but point to some physical deformity. In another he is described as a Temple gate-keeper, an important and respected office, usually held by Levites.

The Sages of Israel apparently hesitate to accept the challenge of the legal case. So Geviva offers to be their spokesman, arguing that should he lose, he could easily be disowned as of no importance. The Sages agree but make the significant proviso: "Be careful not to sign away the Land of Israel!"

The arguments offered are based on Bible verses, but also Jewish (and Hellenistic-Roman?) law. The very name "Land of Canaan," used often in the Bible, seems to prove the Canaanites case. Incidentally, the plea that Israel had "robbed" the land from their original inhabitants is found in a Midrash quoted by Rashi on the first verse on the Torah.

But, Geviva objects, Canaan was condemned by Noah to eternal serfdom to Shem and Japhet and their descendants (Genesis 9: 25-28), and "the slave's possessions belong to his master" (Pesachim 88b).
Ishmael was indeed Abraham's son, but the latter had in his lifetime transferred all he had to Isaac and

compensated his other sons (Genesis 25: 5-6).

True the Israelites had "emptied" Egypt of much treasure at the Exodus — but what about the unpaid wages, argued Geviva, of millions of slaves over a period of 210 years (the figure reduced by the rabbis for the 430 or 400 years mentioned in the Bible)? Mathematicians figured out the counter-claim and found that it amounted for a mere century worth have reduced Egypt to bankrupt!

Unable to find a reply to the hunchback's arguments, the claimants had no choice but to abandon their suit and, in shame, they abandoned their homes, their field and their vineyards, the sources at which it all happened in a Sal batical year.

MORE THAN 2,000 years later, the story has lost little of its impact. Rulers like Alexander governments, the so-called United Nations, are still sitting in judgement over our rights to this land of ours.

Canaanites, Palestinians, Ishmaelites-Arabs, advance their claims for its possession in one form or another ("a democratic, secular Palestinian state"), and Egypt seeks compensation for war waged against us, for oil-wells dug by us in what Sadat calls *Ain Sinai*.

The admonition of the Sages to Geviva limiting his power of attorney, to be careful "not to sign away the Land of Israel" is as poignant today as it was then.

But President Carter — let alone the UN — is hardly as impartial as Alexander of Macedonia. The Jewish people has ever since remembered him with gratitude and affection and has admitted his name to the pantheon of hallowed Jewish names.

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Creating colour in shady spots

GARDENER'S CORNER
Walter Frankl

WHAT MIGHT BE wasted garden space — under a shady tree, for example — can be turned into a decorative spot, even green and flowering. The difficulty of shade can be overcome if you choose plants that enjoy it. Flowering plants in deep shade will produce longer stems (seeking light) and may easily be bent down by heavy winds. Therefore choose low-growing plants for shady locations and stake any tall ones.

Here is a list of plants (in addition to those mentioned last week) that do well in partial shade. Some have been mentioned in earlier columns of "Gardener's Corner" as bulb flowers, rockery plants, herbs, perennials, hedge plants, etc. This time they appear in a new guise, as plants for shade.

Violet (*Viola odorata* or *sepal rehani* in Hebrew). This low-growing perennial (maximum height is 10 cm.) produces fragrant purple or white flowers. It "creeps" along the ground, slowly filling all available space by sending runners in all directions.
Flowers appear in early winter and last until spring. Violets can also be grown in containers or in hanging baskets. A feeding with superphosphate or well-rotted compost in autumn will increase flower production. Weekly watering during rainless periods is essential. Propagation by rooted runners is the easiest way.

Foxglove (*digitalis*) is an excellent flowering plant for shade. Besides the white variety, there are many coloured spotted forms. All are easily raised from seed sown in early autumn or spring for blooming the following year. Foxglove self sows and will produce an abundance of new seedlings. Frequent spraying with nicotine sulphate will ward off black plant lice, which appear in late spring.

Periwinkle (*vinca major* or *vinca gadola* in Hebrew) is a perennial evergreen that can expand to cover quite a large territory. It produces strong and very long runners, which root themselves everywhere under other plants and stones. It flowers in the colour known as periwinkle blue in spring and early summer and will soon cover all available garden space if not controlled. Sow thin runners from time to time. This plant forms a dark green carpet and

adds beauty to a garden during its flowering season. Propagate by rooted runners (1 metre apart) any time of the year.
Silver dollar (*lunaria biennis*) is also known as money plant or honesty. The common name, silver dollar, refers to the flat white transparent seed pods that follow the flowers. *Lunaria* is a biennial that can be raised from seed in spring or autumn. It grows in every soil but prefers loam, in which it seeds itself. Its abundant flowers are most attractive when in bloom. They are mauve or purple with white spots. Large branches of this plant covered with the dried seed pods make long-lasting room decorations but fragile ones.

Bellflower (*campanula* or *pa'amoni* in Hebrew). There are many kinds of bellflower; all tolerate some shade. There are single, double and "cup and saucer"

varieties in a wide range of colours, decorative as a garden or cut flower. For this plant you must apply to a nursery, but if you very much want to raise *campanula* from seed (under glass or plastic cover in sandy soil), try Canterbury Bell (*campanula medium*) or *campanula carpation*. Most of these beautiful shade flowers can also be propagated by division in spring. A gardener who has once succeeded in growing *campanula* will fall in love with this flower and always try to keep it in his collection.

Nasturtium (*kova nasir* in Hebrew). There are two seasons for sowing nasturtium in this country: September and February. Nasturtium is an annual, flowering in yellow, orange, red or pink, in dwarf or long-stemmed climbing varieties. In poor soil which is desirable for nasturtiums, the dwarf variety makes an ideal edging, while the climbing varieties are more suitable for covering arches or trellises.

Nasturtium belongs to the cabbage family (*cruciferae*) and therefore often suffers from the caterpillars of the cabbage butterfly (*caucin lakruv* in Hebrew). Search the underside of the leaves for eggs and destroy them by using the pressures of your thumbs. A dusting with heptachlor powder is the best prophylactic treatment. To propagate, put 2-3 seeds into a hole 3 cm. deep, cover and water. After germination, thin out plants and leave the strongest to continue growing.

Bulbs for shade. All bulb flowers, large and small, will do well in partial shade. They may bloom a fortnight later than those growing in full sunshine and will grow a little taller. In the shade of trees, I have satisfactory results with tulips, hyacinths, snowdrops, anemones, ranunculi, montbretias, gladioli, ornithogalums, crocuses, callas, muscari, lilies, sparaxias, irises, lilies, scillas and fritillarias. I have also grown summer bulbs (some in pots) like oxalis, begonias, dahlias, cannas and gladioli in half-shade with superb results.

Geraniums (or *major hassida* in Hebrew). All kinds can be grown successfully in partial shade. The "ivy geranium" (*pelargonium peltatum*) or *pelargonium domesticum*, called *Martha* Washington, flowering in May and

June in two colours, may be used as a medium-sized hedge if planted close to each other (half a metre apart) and cut frequently.

Rhoeo discolor, a typical shade plant that is very resistant to cold, has leaves and stems resembling those of *tradescantia* (wandering Jew), but its leaves are twice as large and dark purple. In winter protect this plant with a sawdust mulch or pine needles. Propagate like *tradescantia* by runner cuttings. *Rhoeo* and *chlorophyllum comosum* (also called *phalangium* and *yerka nephupesset* in Hebrew) provide a very decorative cover for a shady spot. The white and green foliage of *chlorophyllum* and the dark purple leaves of *rhoeo discolor* present a remarkable colour contrast. Propagate *chlorophyllum* by a plant bearing a side-sprouting runner. *Chlorophyllum* should also be mulched in winter.

Shrubs for shade. *Viburnum* is a fast-growing shrub of the honeysuckle family, reaching a height of two metres. Its leathery dark leaves, snowball-like white flower clusters and black berry-like seed pods make it one of our most attractive shrubs. *Viburnum* can be found in big time at nearly every nursery.

Other shrubs for shade available now at nurseries are *ligustrums*, *fuchsias*, *senecio*, *veronica* (*hebe*), *aspidistra*, *savia*, *lavandula*, *euonymus*, *lilax*, *sansiveria*, *ruscus* and *lonicera*. Unfortunately one of the most decorative perennial shrubs for shade, *dianthus spectabilis* (bleeding heart) with its lovely foliage and flowers, is not available in this country, to the best of my knowledge. It needs conditions similar to those required by the fuchsia, which is cultivated here in many varieties and colours. Perhaps this mention will inspire our nurserymen to stock this beautiful shade plant.

Another ground cover, popular abroad as a lawn, can also be grown in shade, *dichondra repens*. Unfortunately, it, too, is not available locally. It is grown from seed or plugs.
The list of plants that will tolerate shade goes on and on. I could mention *billbergia* and *impatiens* and the less well-known *gerum*, *hosta*, *astibe* and *heuchera*, all of which should be popularized here.

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The Mitzvah of kindling the Chanukah Lights is unique in that it takes effect immediately after sunset, prior to the other observances connected with Chanukah (special prayers, etc.). This pointedly emphasizes the concept of "light" in human life in general, and in a time of crisis — "after sunset" — in particular.

Although man was, of course, created with free will and action in all his affairs, including personal freedom in the ordinary sense, without being subjected to external constraints even for a short period of time — nevertheless the real bright light in human life is the ability to see the right path in life, and to follow it faithfully in terms of daily conduct, filling it with all that is bright and good, in a state of consistent inner peace and tranquility. This has to do, and is dependent upon, a person's world outlook, including a full measure of Bitochon (trust) in G-d, the Creator and Master of the world. This has to be expressed in appropriate conduct, in actual practice, for the essential thing is the deed.

And this is largely up to the individual himself, regardless of circumstances. For it is a matter of common knowledge that there are people who, considering their external circumstances, should be content and happy, yet are not; while there are those whose external circumstances are just the opposite, yet they are at peace with themselves, cheerful,

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By the Grace of G-d
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and strong in their confidence that the external circumstances will also change for the good very soon, the kind of good that is manifest and obvious.

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May G-d grant that the message of Chanukah and of the Chanukah Lights serve as a guiding light for all our fellow Jews, and for you, in particular, even in your present situation.

May there be an increase and spread of the light of the Torah and Mitzvos ("for a Mitzvah is a candle, and the Torah is light") in all aspects of Yiddishkeit, and may G-d on His part, increase His blessings to each and every one of you, and to all that is yours, both materially and spiritually.

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Highly commendable

MUSIC REVIEWS/Yohanan Boehm

INDEL: "Judas Maccabaeus" — oratorio, Mark Elder conductor, the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra; the final air (Avner Itai, director); Teresa Hill, soprano; Anne Collins, mezzo-soprano; Ryland Davies, tenor; John Shirley-Quirk, bass-baritone (Binyanei Ha'Ooma, Jerusalem-December 27).

THESE COLUMNS we have consistently complained about the insistent enunciation by most of our soloists and choirs. Ironically, this time we would almost have wished for a less distinct rendition of the text, which is endlessly repetitious, untidily contrived and naive in its hymns for rhyme's sake. Moreover, this lengthy work does not represent the composer at his best. It therefore says a great deal for the conductor Mark Elder, a newcomer to our concert halls, who kept recordings going at a smooth pace, with the orchestra responding well to his precise and spirited direction. He also enjoyed the great advantage of having the final choir at his disposal, a choir which has established for itself a reputation for highest vocal and musical standards as a result of Avner Itai's uncompromising leadership and painstaking preparation. The soloists — all guest artists from England — are quite obviously lingers of quality and commitment. Our only reservation is that at times elements too operatic seemed to disturb the oratorio style in its traditionally accepted meaning; as, for example, the inclusion of vocal cadenzas at the end of arias, which belongs more to Italian opera. The mezzo-soprano in particular showed her preoccupation with opera in the approach to her part (as the Israeli Man).

FOR ONCE, we were blessed with an exceptionally fine tenor in Ryland Davies, who displayed a well-modulated voice coupled with a good characterization of the role of Judas Maccabaeus. Bass-baritone John Shirley-Quirk, who had already made a strong impression in Tel's Cantata two days earlier, imbued his rich voice with the dignity and strength demanded by the part of Simon the Priest.

Teresa Cahill's sweet, clear soprano added much enjoyment, while Anne Collins rounded off the quartet with great expressive range. Special praise to Nina Flyer, the solo cellist, for her warm and beautiful solo passages and her reliable service as basso continuo. Sitting through the entire performance of "Judas Maccabaeus" probably reflects more respect for tradition than enjoyment of this work. But of course, sentimental associations are strong, and tribute to the victory of Hanukka should be paid. As such, this was a highly commendable performance.

HARMONIOUS EVENING

Friedrich von Spee Choir, Trier, Germany, conducted by Karl Berg (Church of the Redeemer, Old City of Jerusalem — December 28). Gabrieli: Sublime Deus; Schuetz: Verleih uns Frieden; Bach: Ich lasse dich sein; J.S. Bach: Lobet den Herrn alle Heiden; Bruckner: Myrte from the Mass in E Minor; Brahms: Myrte aus dem Licht gegeben; Fest- und Gedächtnisgesänge; Prætorius: Est et lae Resurrexerunt.

A LARGE CHOIR with fresh voices, assisted by the good accompaniment of the church, filled the towering vaulted hall with the rich resonance of fine singing. The choir displayed a wide range of dynamic shades, precise entries and sure intonation, and was impressive in its beautiful balance between the four, five and eight parts into which it split for the various works.

opposite the nave for "stereophonic" performance in a San Marco in Venice. It stationed a smaller chorus there for the presentation of some of Schuetz and Johann Christian Bach, which demand double choir, used for echo writing and graded dynamics to marvellous effect.

Nearly all the works on the programme were new to listeners. In particular the inclusion of the Brahms must be hailed as it disclosed the rich beauty of vocal scores so badly neglected by our own choirs. Karl Berg led his disciplined choristers through all the different styles and forms of this rich programme with firm hands and thorough musicianship. No wonder the capacity audience did not let the singers off without two encores. A beautiful and harmonious evening.

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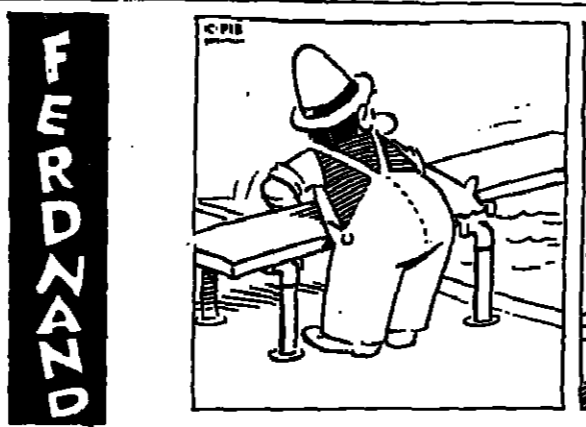
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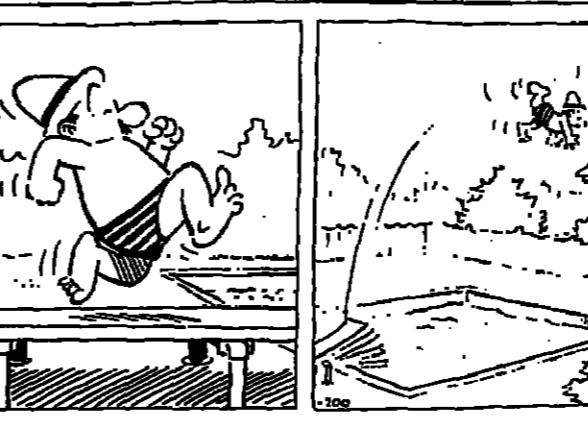
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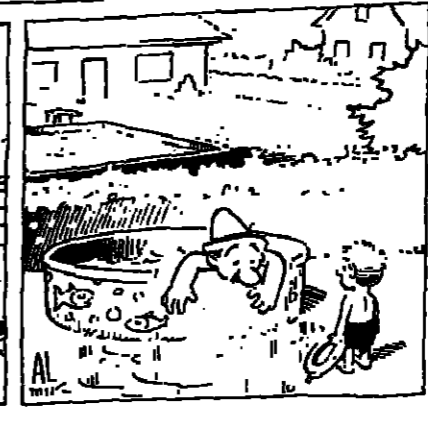
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TWO-IN-ONE CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS TO TODAY'S PUZZLE TOMORROW

CRYPTIC PUZZLE

ACROSS 1 Consumer of a meal? (6) 7 Say I'm in property (6) 10 Morning passed being diverted (6) 11 Possibly hurt a saint with a sword (6) 14 Mark's girl? (3) 16 A step in the making of recordings (5) 17 Windsor's companion (4) 19 Acted as a future officer (5) 21 Nice place for a bender (7) 22 Encourages the rest of the infants (5) 23 Rod crashed at salad? (4) 24 Hiding light colour (5) 25 It can help the dawn slip down (5) 29 They have the power to sway (5) 30 Not in Linné country? (6) 31 Aesthetic pursuits of the smart set (4) 32 The washing type (6) 33 Beer and wine for royalty (6)

EASY PUZZLE

ACROSS 1 Wrangle over price (6) 7 Assess symptoms (8) 8 Sparkling wine (4) 10 Fanner (6) 11 Official marks (6) 14 Range of knowledge (5) 16 Vagabond possession (5) 17 Compass point (4) 19 Vessels (5) 21 Awaken (5) 22 Fruit (5) 23 Find (4) 24 Number (5) 25 Vegetable (5) 26 Mood (6) 28 Aquatic animal (7) 31 Crooked (4) 32 Moneysaver (8) 33 Concluding (6)

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1 Meek (6) 2 Piston seal (6) 3 Prepaid for publication (4) 4 Stir-up (7) 5 Chambers (5) 6 Eat sumptuously (4) 8 Requests (4) 9 Number (3) 10 Donkey (5) 11 Colours (5) 12 Pocket (5) 13 Fluffy (5) 14 Snake (3) 15 New remains (5) 16 Says again (7) 17 Spirit (3) 18 Throw missiles (3) 19 Sensory organs (4) 20 Being defested (4) 21 Maternal (5) 22 Glowing coal (5) 23 Cooking vessel (3) 24 Crooked (4) 25 Burned money (4)

Yesterday's Cryptic Solution

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Use the same diagram for either Cryptic or the Easy puzzle.

AVIV STOCKS

Happy ending to old year

By JOSEPH MORGENSTERN Post Finance Reporter

AVIV. — The fond expectations of a happy ending to the year at the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange were...

Paz was 6.5 points lower to 152.

Industrials traded unevenly with some sharp price swings in evidence. Rapac ILI shares scored a 13-point gain to 378...

Investment companies

Investment companies traded in a narrow range. The major exception being Oz Investments, which suffered a 8.8 per cent loss to 347...

With a one-day recess at hand

With a one-day recess at hand, investors will have the opportunity to contemplate portfolio rearrangements and to pinpoint areas where they should place greater emphasis...

Demand for insurance issues

Demand for insurance issues pushed some of them up considerably higher than almost across the board. Krysh was up 14 to 701...

Among land development and real-estate shares

Among land development and real-estate shares, Israel Citrus Plantations was 24 improved at 1,264. Rasco Pref. ended the year at 282...

Delek (B) was jolted for a loss

Delek (B) was jolted for a loss of 10.5 per cent to 288. Oil exploration of Property & Building 494 404...

Table with columns for stock names and prices. Includes Property & Building, ICP Plantations, Neot Aviv, etc.

Property & Building

Table listing various stock prices and values. Includes Property & Building, ICP Plantations, Neot Aviv, etc.

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Record deal—on paper

By JOSEPH MORGENSTERN Post Finance Reporter

TEL AVIV. — One of the largest real estate deals in local history was concluded last week with the purchase of the "Margoshes Orchard," a 158-dunam tract of land in Ramat Gan...

not a payment in cash but in the shares of Amisarr. It has also been reported that Amisarr will shortly float a share issue of IL120m. Jordan Exploration an investment company whose shares are also registered on the local exchange and which controls Amisarr, will be underwriting the issue.

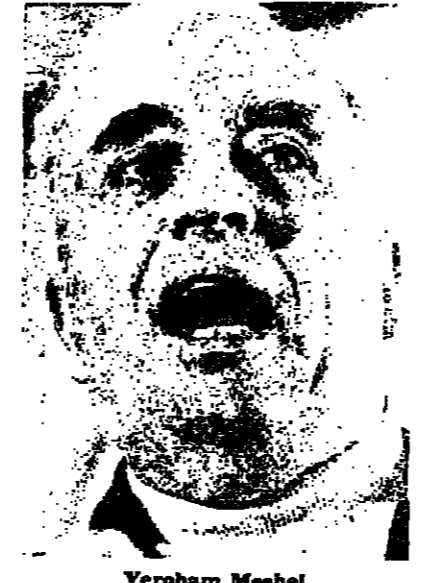
July, 1977, the issued and paid-up capital of Amisarr was about IL4.7m. and the market capitalization was a mere IL3.52m. At the same time, Jordan's issued and paid-up capital was IL19.6m. and its market capitalization stood at IL334m.

If a financial institution had actually been ready to arrange for the necessary money. Of course, stranger things have happened, and the public may buy up the anticipated Amisarr issue in the hope that the expected future flow of profits to be realized from the development of the "Margoshes Orchard" will result in a rise in the value of the new shares.

HANDS OFF INDEX, MESHEL WARNS GOV'T.

By LEA LEVAVI Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Histadrut will not allow the government to lower inflation artificially by changing the calculation of the cost-of-living index. Histadrut secretary-general Yeroham Meshel told the Histadrut executive yesterday. "You can't cure the disease by breaking the thermometer," he said.



Yeroham Meshel

The executive did not debate the Histadrut's right to a January advance against the April cost-of-living increment, since Meshel said he would wait until his negotiations with the Manufacturers' Association and other private employers were completed.

living was the only determinant of raises for workers. "What about promotions, increased productivity?" We would turn into a country of automatons who get a raise every three months and that's all.

WHO IS A ZIONIST?

(Continued from Page 2)

number of candidates for delegates weren't even found among the names of Zionist organization members. The comptroller reached the conclusion at the end of his 100-page report that a campaign for new members must be conducted continuously, year after year, and not just on the eve of a Zionist congress when party electioneering robs the drive of ideals.

service Turner had at his disposal a vehicle belonging to Tour Ve'aleh. The bureau also "bore other additional expenses of the director... it should only be pointed out that the expenses amounted to considerable sums," wrote the comptroller.

The young leadership division of the WZO, which is charged with fostering contacts between Israeli and Diaspora youth, had no list of names and addresses of youth who had participated in Israeli seminars it had run. Fees for activities were not always collected.

Food Week

By YITZHAQ OKED Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — More than 400 buyers will participate in the fourth Israel Food Week at the Tel Aviv Hilton from January 14 to 19, 1978.

The comptroller noted that his office, directed by Asher Friedberg, keeps a file on every shortcoming discovered in order to ensure followup. In addition the Zionist executive, he concluded, has met several times to discuss the revelations of the report and promises that they will be corrected.

Avraham Ben Moshe, head of the food division at the Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Tourism, said the buyers will be able to see many new products that had been developed since the last food show three years ago.

Research centre to open again

Jerusalem Post Reporter

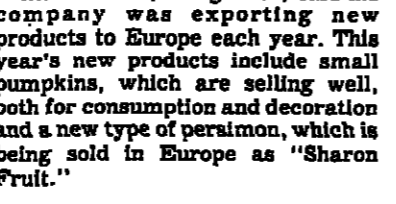
HAIFA. — The Industry Ministry's industrial Research Centre on the Technion campus, which was closed down last April after running a large deficit, is to open again in a different form. The old staff of 100 will not be re-engaged and the centre will no longer concentrate on industrial research for the food and plastics industries.

Peace with Egypt

Begin and Sadat signing a peace treaty. Israel and Egypt exchanging ambassadors.

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ISRAEL POLICE



ROBERT ALLEN GARDNER

The Israel Police requests the aid of the public in its endeavours to find a missing person: ROBERT ALLEN GARDNER, son of Seymour Gardner, who left Kibbutz Ein Gev on October 31, 1978, since when his whereabouts are unknown.

Iriyat Tel Aviv-Yafo

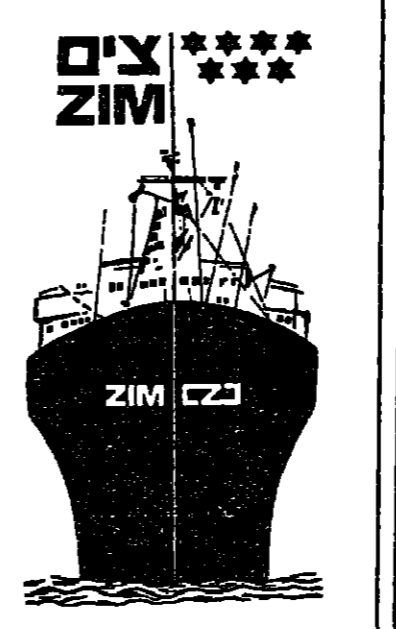
Vacancies at the Municipal/Government Tel Aviv-Yafo Medical Centre. 1. Public tender mh/78/109 for Director, Oncology Dept. Grade: AA of physicians' grading.

FOREIGN CURRENCY

Table showing foreign exchange rates for various currencies like U.S., Swiss Fr., French Fr., etc.

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Table listing expected arrivals at Haifa and Ashdod ports, including ships like ALON, TEL-LAND, K. JOHANNNA, etc.



CARGO VESSELS

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Buying spree

By MACABEE DEAN Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — There has been a steady increase in the number of non-Israelis buying flats and houses in Israel since the economic upturn at the end of 1977, according to Mr. Baruch Kalner, chairman of Maldan, the Association of Real Estate Brokers in Israel.

Prices in Jerusalem are considerably higher. The second development was that Tel Aviv had replaced Jerusalem as the chief centre of buying: "One reason is the higher prices in the capital; the other, probably, is the unclear situation regarding peace and the future of the West Bank."

Addressing the annual conference of the association in Jerusalem, he said that before the economic upturn, about 80 per cent of these foreigners came to sell property, flats, houses, plots of land and other investments they had acquired in former years.

During its conference, the 200 delegates discussed methods of simplifying bureaucratic procedures connected with the sale and purchase of property. They also discussed a proposal that building restrictions be relaxed, allowing the built-up area on each plot to be expanded, generally by constructing higher buildings.

Now, the situation is completely reversed: about 80 per cent of these non-Israelis, the overwhelming majority of whom are Jewish, with whom we have dealings, come to buy; only 20 per cent are interested in disposing of their holdings.

The purpose of Maldan is to ensure that all members follow a strict code of ethics in their dealings, as well as providing the members with professional information.

In the past year, there were two other developments: The first was that the Europeans had replaced the Americans as the chief buyers.

Prices range from about \$80,000 to \$100,000 for three-room flats in Rehov David Hamelech in Tel Aviv; other flats, of five rooms, cost up to \$140,000.

The simple fact is that for Americans, with the falling value of the dollar, the price of Israeli flats is considered expensive. The situation is reversed with people from many European countries where the currency has appreciated. Some even consider the price of a flat or house in Israel as reasonable," he said.

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Mr. Begin and his ministers

COALITION POLITICS have once again caught up with the Prime Minister. In his need to fill vacant ministries he has stirred the appetites and resentments harboured by his own party, which feels short shrifted in the spoils game, by frustrated elements within the Liberal Party, and, of course, the National Religious Party.

The NRP has gone a step further and demanded not only some spoils, but also the Prime Minister's intervention to force Tel Aviv Mayor Lahat to rescind his decision to permit theatre performances on Friday night.

All of these manoeuvres do not enhance the image of the Government or the political parties and the sooner Mr. Begin can get it over with the better.

The one question that appears not to have been addressed yet — and which is a genuine issue — is what to do about the office of the Arab Affairs Adviser. Elsewhere on this page the present adviser, Dr. Moshe Sharon, makes a persuasive case for his proposal that this office be given over to a minister without portfolio. This would elevate the subject to Cabinet level, provide staff and budget, and lend the matter, after so many years of neglect, the priority it deserves.

If such a decision would emerge out of the Cabinet reshuffling, then at least something more productive would have occurred than the hoary old game of ministerial musical chairs and NRP political extortion which has contributed to the declining prestige of Cabinet government in Israel.

Turmoil in Turkey

THE WEEK-LONG political turmoil in Turkey has been puzzling. It is not the first time that Turkey has undergone political turbulence, but today it raises the question of whether it should be viewed within the context of the recent communist takeover of Afghanistan and the current turmoil in Iran.

The situation in Turkey is expected to be clarified at the end of three sessions of parliament to be held this week.

The main opposition Justice Party of former Premier Suleyman Demirel is to table a motion of no confidence in the government of socialist Prime Minister Bulent Ecevit for allegedly having mishandled last week's political riots in which more than 100 people were killed and 150 injured.

The conservative Justice Party is accusing Ecevit's government of deliberate negligence and incompetence in failing to contain last week's sudden outbreak of violence which had both political and religious implications.

Sources in Ankara say that Ecevit's government may still survive — if the 16 independent deputies, on whom the Premier has been heavily dependent in the 450-member lower house, give their support to the ruling Republican People's Party.

The leader of the ultra-rightist, but influential, Nationalist Movement, Alparslan Turkes, vowed on Saturday to bring about the downfall of the government saying that it was a Moslem religious obligation to topple Ecevit's cabinet.

Ecevit was forced last week to concede control over 13 of the country's 67 provinces to the army after imposing martial law there. The provinces submitted to the military include the country's main cities, among them Ankara and Istanbul.

The military takeover followed jolting nation-wide violence said to have been triggered by battles in the remote southeastern Kahraman Maras where right-wing Moslem Sunnis fought with left-wing Alevi (Alawite) Moslems over whether two members of the latter sect deserved a religious burial service.

The Maras battles undoubtedly served only as a pretext for rekindling the social conflicts which Turkey's politicians have ignored for a long while.

Power has been changing hands between Ecevit and Demirel for some years. Neither has enjoyed enough parliamentary clout to rule effectively. The result has been political violence, 35 per cent inflation and 20 per cent unemployment, despite the employment of over 800,000 Turkish guestworkers in Europe.

Turkish democracy has been a 30-year experiment which was often sabotaged by religious fanaticism, low literacy, regional uprisings caused by an uneven economy spawned by broken geography, and of course Soviet ambitions. The civilian regime has been staggering on in the shadow of a restrained army which every now and then has had to intervene to save the country's politicians from themselves.

Probably to save Turkey from itself, there seems to be no alternative to a broad political coalition.

ADDRESS FOR COMPLAINTS

MOSHE SHARON is a frustrated man. When Prime Minister Begin asked him to leave his university teaching posts in September 1977 and become his adviser on Arab affairs he agreed, in the hope that he would succeed in making some constructive changes in a neglected and sometimes mismanaged field of government policy.

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was the sword that dictated their fate.

The result is that they are "torn," bifurcated by the pull of conflicting imperatives. Their cultural, spiritual and national identity is Arab, but they live in a Jewish State.

"The Arabs cannot be stirred by Herzl or Blauk or Hatikva. Nor can it mean anything when you tell them that for 2,000 years the Jews prayed three times a day to return to Zion.

"They live within the frame of their cultural identity. What we can ask of them is that they be loyal and law-abiding citizens."

But this is a demand that has active implications. It means that Israel must satisfy the proper needs of the community.

"We must provide them with schools, employment, professional training, local facilities. We must help them improve their knowledge of Hebrew, for this is the vehicle for advancement. (He has seen his own Arab students at the university write in frustration at their built-in handicap.) Why shouldn't some technical subjects be taught in Hebrew in their schools, to help them with the language? And by the same token Arab teachers should be employed to teach Arabic in Jewish schools."

We must, says Sharon, provide Israel's Arabs with the "optimum" of resources and tools to enable them to take part in the economy and society.

"This does not solve the political problem. That is a different dimension. But it would eliminate most of the resentment, which today seeks expression in the only way available in the political form, such as voting for Rakah."

ISRAEL, Sharon points out, is not an "integrative" society like the United States, where different ethnic minorities are absorbed into the general national identity, largely by giving up their own. Israel is "segregative" with respect to its minorities. The general culture does not demand that they give up their distinct identities, or participate in the national identity.

But at every other level of economic and social life there could be integration, or, in more pragmatic terms, a business relationship satisfying the mutual interests of Arab and Jew.

That could be achieved now. It has nothing to do with the general Israel-Arab conflict. (Sharon notes that he has never supported the "utopian view" that the problems of Israel's Arabs can only be solved when peace comes.)

Unfortunately, in 30 years this kind of active approach had never been official policy, says Sharon. Instead, there has been a policy of marking time or neglect. Arab affairs advisers, including his immediate predecessor, Shmuel Toledano, inevitably reached conclusions similar to his own. But nothing happened, and the prime ministers, who were formally in charge, all focused their attention on foreign and defence issues, neglecting Arab affairs and the adviser in charge of them.



The Prime Minister's adviser on Arab affairs, MOSHE SHARON, talks to the Post about the ideas he has proposed and the disappointments he has suffered since he accepted the position. IAN BLACK reports.

population is increasing rapidly. Children are born, families expand, thanks in part to the modern medical care in Israel. So they must build new homes. What do we expect them to do?"

SHARON is firmly against destroying homes built illegally. Only in cases where it is clear that a building has been placed where it will obstruct a public facility, such as a planned road or school, does he advocate the drastic measure of demolition.

IN HIS APPROACH, Sharon is guided by deep understanding of the circumstances of the Israeli Arabs. The state of Israel was thrust upon them by history, he says, and it was not a history of their making or choice. "It

Dry Bones



PRIME MINISTER Begin is open, liberal and supportive, says Sharon. But he, too, has been naturally almost wholly absorbed in the issues of peace and war.

At a lower level than the prime minister, however, Sharon asserts, his ideas and views have met with resistance. This has come primarily from within the 19-member staff of the adviser's office.

"Some of the old-timers, who favour the punishment-and-reward approach of treating with Israel's Arabs, try to block me in various ways," he says, but does not elaborate.

Instead of support, therefore, he finds an obstructive atmosphere. Some people, he believes, want him out.

But the budget for his office — 11,290,000 for the current year — is the most telling expression of his impotence. With that he is expected to be responsible for policy on Arab affairs.

"With a ministry, a staff, and a budget, say, of one per cent of the national budget, we could revolutionize the entire scene. The Arabs of Israel would immediately feel the impact, see that finally something important is being done to help them solve their problems. The entire atmosphere would change," he declares.

If there were a proper budget, not only would there be resources, but also a means of promoting local initiative. Sharon believes firmly that Arabs should be encouraged to assume greater responsibility for their own local affairs, such as housing, education and economic development.

Jewish and Arab capitalists could get together to invest in Arab towns, he says. That would be genuine encounter, as distinct from the "artificial encounter" in institutional frameworks. Under such a policy, no one would be beyond the pale.

"If children go to school in a crowded (2,000 more classrooms are

needed in the Arab sector) and are in danger of catching pneumonia, then I won't ignore the problem because the local council is headed by a Rakah member. We have a moral duty toward our minority. The Jewish People has a message. We didn't come here to build an oppressive state."

IN GENERAL, Sharon disputes the suspicions that have gained currency about Israel Arabs, suspicions promoted especially in some sections of the press.

He does not believe there has been any real radicalisation of the Israel Arab community. Because of the lack of a national Israeli policy, support for Rakah by Arab voters cannot be looked upon as an accurate political expression of the community, although he does not deny the Arab nationalist and ideological component of the party.

Nor does Sharon believe that the creation of a self-governing authority in the West Bank and Gaza would have much effect on Israel's Arabs. No, he says, there would be no irredentist movement in Baka al Ghazbiya and Wadi Ara. There are too many differences between the Arabs on either side of the Green Line.

"During the hajj to Mecca, Israeli Arabs travelled in air-conditioned buses, while West Bankers went in jalopies," he says, letting the example speak for itself.

Brimming with ideas and proposals — and complaints — the prime minister's adviser on Arab affairs thinks he knows what must be done. He would like to hope that the present reshuffling of cabinet portfolios will also lead to action on his proposal that a minister take charge of his area.

But he is afraid he is getting nowhere, and it is still doubtful, therefore, whether his eloquent plea for developing the common interests of Israeli Arabs and Jews will get the response it deserves.

IRVING SCHECHTMAN
New York.

READERS' LETTERS

CARNAGE ON OUR ROADS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — On December 22, you ran a front-page story about the terrorist attack on Kiryat Shmona in which one man was killed and five wounded. Buried on page two, a small item announced 13 dead and 113 injured in the week's car accidents. Isn't it front-page news that Jews are more efficient at killing Jews than Arabs are?

on killing each other at this rate? Is a family consoled by having its loved ones protected against terrorists, only to have them slaughtered by fellow-citizens?

Every driver who speeds, passes on the right, doesn't signal or dim his headlights, and drives with wobbly wheels or only one headlight is a potential killer who, because the police are rarely to be seen on the roads, wreaks havoc with near-impunity. How many innocents are killed through no fault of their own? How many careful drivers curse the others, but do nothing about reporting them, or protesting in print to create pressure where it counts?

The revenue which would pour in from tickets issued (and preferably paid up on the spot) for the innumerable offences should boost police budgets at least as much as parking tickets, for which manpower seems to be available.

PEARL GEFEN
Michmoret

If The Jerusalem Post would lead all the other Israeli newspapers into systematically plastering the front pages with daily reports of the carnage on our roads, complete with the horrifying photos surely available from the average daily toll of two dead and a dozen or more crippled, it would scare at least the rational members of the public into sensible road habits and shake up the police into determined efforts to stop this carnage.

The old shrug-of-the-shoulder attitude that we lack manpower and money to deal with the situation is suicidal irresponsibility. So is the attitude of newspapers who don't consider traffic deaths "news" because they happen so often. What's the good of stopping terrorism if we go

to the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — One of the loudest opponents of a separate peace between the Egyptians and the Israelis is Soviet Russia. The communists have characterised a separate peace as the height of treachery to the Arab people, for whom, as everybody knows, the Russian hearts bleed. As in so many other matters where principle is concerned, the Russians have a conveniently short memory. Time was when they were not so touchy about separate peace.

When the Bolsheviks took power in October 1917, conditions in Russia were very bad, somewhat like in Egypt today. Lenin sent a

SOVIET "PRINCIPLES"

"revolutionary" delegation to Brest Litovsk and signed a separate peace with imperialist Germany. It was a harsh peace, far different than the one Egypt would sign, which gives the Egyptians land, oil, coal, sovereignty, etc. The Russians got nothing and gave huge tracts of land to the Kaiser. Like the criticism levelled at Sadat by today's Marxist Leninists, Lenin was severely criticised by the democratic western allies, but he turned a deaf ear to all the howls of "treachery." So much for exhibit one of Russian hypocrisy.

Comes now exhibit two. When Hitler took power in Germany, he immediately set out to rearm that country for purposes of imperialist

expansion, the first step of which was to grab all Europe. When the Nazis were about ready to launch their war against free Europe, they needed to protect their eastern flank. Stalin, Lenin's best pupil, made a pact of peaceful non-aggression with the worst mass murderer in all human history.

Today, these contemptible hypocrites who change "principles" with greater facility than most people change clothes, charge Sadat with "treachery" for trying to do what the Russians have already done on two occasions.

IRVING SCHECHTMAN
New York.

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